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## “Second Generations” show headlining 19th annual pecan festival



Marty Haggard

Two names of legendary status in the country music business, will grace the stage at Jeff Green Memorial Park, as the final acts of the 19th annual Hickman Pecan Festival. Festival week begins on September 8 and will conclude on September 15.

Charlie Rich Jr. and Marty Haggard will bring their “Second Generations” show in honor of their fathers, Charlie Rich and Merle Haggard.

Together, the show will feature songs from their superstar dads, who have combined to sing over 50 Top-40 hits and 45 No. 1 hits, with both winning multiple awards, including Male Vocalist of the Year and Entertainer of the Year.

“We believe this is going to be a very entertaining show and great way to end the week long Pecan Festival”, said Hickman Recreation and Tourist Commission Chairman Charles Cho-

ate. “Both Charlie Jr. and Marty have had the opportunity to play in their fathers bands for years, and have also made a name for themselves in the music business. The board has worked hard to make this week a celebration for the city, and to promote tourism, and we now encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the fun and fellowship”.

Rich Jr., whose godfather is Jerry Lee Lewis, began to tour with his dad, the “Silver Fox”, when he was 19 years old.

After being part of the period in which his dad took control of the country and pop charts with songs like “Most Beautiful Girl” and “Behind Closed Doors”, Charlie Jr. headed to California to begin his solo career.

While there, he teamed with Eagles co-founder Randy Meisner and Billy Swan to record a critically acclaimed album sim-

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Charlie Rich, Jr.

## County proceeds with establishing dispatch services, updates everyone on progress, Hickman still unsure

Charlotte Smith  
**Editor**

An informative question and answer session was held on Friday, Aug. 10 at 10:45 a.m. in the boardroom of the Fulton County Office Building for anyone interested in learning more about county dispatch.

The decision was made to set up a county dispatch in a room located in the Fulton County Detention Center to keep the

City of Fulton from contracting with the Kentucky State Police while, at the same time, providing the services in the county for the Fulton County Sheriff’s Department, as well as the ambulance service.

Once the Fulton County Fiscal Court made the decision to establish a countywide dispatch, they presented a proposal to the Fulton Police Department to provide them the service for a fee, estimated at approximately \$75,000 a year.

Fulton County Judge/Executive David Gallagher then went to the Hickman City Commission meeting on July 9 to answer questions from Mayor David Lattus and all four commissioners regarding the county’s proposal. At that time

Gallagher was there to answer questions only, no formal proposal had been submitted.

Last Friday, Gallagher updated everyone with the county’s progress of establishing the service by the previously proposed deadline date of October 1. “We have moved a lot of items over to the jail and are in the process of having the room set up,” stated Gallagher.

The condition of the room, the phone line and what is needed to become qualified as PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) were all discussed.

Being designated as a PSAP is the key to doing dispatch. “We need to be a PSAP to qualify for funding,” added Gallagher. It could take six months to a year to establish the county dispatch

as a PSAP.

The PSAP funds and 911 money currently coming to the county will help offset the costs of running dispatch in the county. Not knowing how much PSAP funds the county would be eligible for makes it hard for the county to tell the City of Fulton or the City of Hickman (if they decided to contract with the county) how much they would require from them.

Ideally if both cities were to contract with the county for dispatch services Gallagher would like to see the costs shared equally among the entities.

During the July City of Hickman Commission meeting a lot of questions were answered

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## Fiscal Court discusses sewer issues with city officials

Charlotte Smith  
**Editor**

“We have pump grinders located at our high school lift station that we are having maintenance issues with,” stated Hickman City Manager Larry Myatt. “We would like the jail to put one on their property to help combat this problem.” Large items are being filtered through the sewer system when they leave the Fulton County Detention Center (FCDC) and are damaging grinder pumps. Fulton County Jailor Ricky Parnell had previously committed to purchasing a grinder to place at the high

school lift station.

Not wanting to get in the “sewer business” the Fulton County Fiscal Court discussed this issue with Myatt, Public Works Director Mike Hartigan, and Jailor Parnell at great length of Monday, Aug. 13 at 9 a.m.

Hartigan suggested they install an emulsifier closer to the jail’s sewer line because the line at the high school pumping station is located 30 feet in the ground. Instead of grinding the materials, the emulsifier would turn it into a liquid. The cost is approximately \$19,000 not including installation.

The Fiscal Court asked

Hartigan to obtain some quotes and they all agreed to keep in contact to discuss the matter further.

“Things are progressing with county dispatch,” Fulton County Judge/Executive David Gallagher stated. “We are waiting for AT&T to install the lines and Sheriff Bobby Hopper is continuing interview with applicants. Our target date is still October 1.”

What the City of Hickman decides to do will determine other actions taken by the fiscal court as they work toward

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## Man arrested for DUI on a tractor

On Friday, Aug. 03, while on patrol a deputy sheriff encounter a subject on a tractor traveling south on 7th Street in Hickman. The subject was driving in a manner that approaching vehicles had to swerve to avoid coming in contact with the tractor. When the deputy was able to get behind the subject he had turned onto Cedar Street traveling west. While following the subject he continued to drive from side to side, running off

the roadway, and ran three stop signs before he stopped.

The subject was identified as Timothy Haney, a white male from Hickman, Ky. He was arrested for disregarding (3) stop signs, and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, drugs, etc. .08, 1st offense, (aggravated circumstances). Due to the high amount of alcohol shown on his breath analysis he was charged with aggravated circumstances; he had three

times over the legal amount allowed by law.

Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is very dangerous and can cause injury or death. If you observe anyone you think may be driving under the influence please contact your local law enforcement agency or 911.

Anationwide campaign “Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over” will begin on August 17 and end on September 3, 2012. The FCSO and other local law enforcement agencies will be participating in the campaign to get impaired drivers off our roadways.



**VISITING STELLA JONES** - US Congressman Representative Ed Whitfield (left) is shown with Fulton County Judge/Executive David Gallagher (right) during Whitfield’s tour of the Stella Jones facility on Tuesday, Aug. 7. (See story on page 8.) (Photo by Daniel Richardson.)



**FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN** - Tamarris Crumble was excited to be at Fulton County Elementary/Middle School on Thursday, Aug. 9. Tamarris was busy writing his name while his teacher Nelda Morgan took care of his classmates. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)

## Deadline to file for local election for school board, city commission passes

The August 14 deadline to file for city and school board seats has come and gone with a flurry of action within days of the deadline.

Fulton County Clerk Betty Abernathy reports the following filings as of Tuesday, Aug. 14 at 2 p.m.:

- Hickman Mayor – David Lattus
- Hickman City Commission – Roger Adams, David Weatherly, Charles Choate, and Phillip Williams
- Fulton County School Board – District 1 – Perry Turner
- Fulton County School Board – District 3 – Perry Turner
- Fulton County School Board – District 5 – Phillip Dale Vowell
- Fulton City Commission – Darcy Linn, Bill Milliken,

David S. Prater, Jeff Vaughn, and Martha Poe Vowell

• Fulton Independent School Board (2) – Bill Robertson, Debbie Vaughn

• Fulton County Circuit Court Clerk – Sarah Johnson

The election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 6. The top four vote getters in both cities will be elected to the commission in each of the commission races.

Voters will also go to the polls to determine the next president of the United States. The race is between incumbent Barack Obama and Mitt Romney. Romney has chosen Rep. Paul Ryan as is running mate. Rep. Ryan, 42, born in Janesville, Wisconsin, was elected to the U.S. House in 1998 at the age

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## Pre-trial conference set for Lattus August 28

Two times pre-trial conferences were postponed for murder suspect Tommy Lattus with previous dates set for June 29 and July 12. The latest hearing was held Thursday, Aug. 9, and with no appearance by Lattus, the case was heard by the Fulton Circuit Court. Lattus’ next hearing has been scheduled for 10 a.m. on August 28. This is just two weeks away from the scheduled murder trial, which has been set to begin September 10.

The residents of the City of Hickman were shocked after waking to hear that Lattus, 30, had allegedly shot and killed Hickman Mayor Charles Murphy in the early morning hours of January 23. Lattus has been charged with the shooting, along with first-degree murder.

Lattus has recently returned from the Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center in Louisville, Ky.,

where he underwent an extensive, court-ordered psychiatric evaluation. The evaluation was ordered to determine if Lattus is mentally competent to stand trial.

Hickman police officer Phillip Burnett was on duty January 23 when Lattus allegedly went to the police station and confessed to the shooting, testified in court during a preliminary hearing held back on January 31. The hearing then determined there was probable cause in the case. A Fulton Grand Jury later indicted Lattus on March 8.

Dennis Null, a Mayfield, Ky. attorney is representing Lattus in the case. Circuit Court Judge Tim Langford is handling the case.

Lattus has been lodged in the Fulton County Detention Center, held on a \$1 million bond.



Lattus

### THIS WEEK



#### OBITUARIES

Margaret Adams

Eldon R. “Butch” Easterwood, Jr.

Fred L. Everett

#### RIVER STAGE FORECASTS

OHIO RIVER AT CAIRO, ILL.

Wednesday, August 15 – 9.1  
Thursday, August 16 – 8.8  
Friday, August 17 – 8.4  
Saturday, August 18 – 8.2  
Sunday, August 19 – 8.1

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#### Local Weather

Thu 8/16 93/69

Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm. Potential for severe thunderstorms.

Fri 8/17 85/61

Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.

Sat 8/18 84/56

Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.

Sun 8/19 86/59

Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.

Mon 8/20 87/60

Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low



THE HICKMAN COURIER

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Turning Back The Clock

**25 Years Ago**  
**October 22, 1987**  
Obituaries: Casey eon Wilson, 48; Arthner McCauley, 67; Jack Crafton, 62; William Andrew “Bugs” Price, 59; Chrystell Watson, 67; and Irene Hagan, 91.

Ten hourly employees at Sigri Carbon Corporation in Hickman will lose their jobs at the end of October according to plant manager Bob Powell. He went on to say this layoff has nothing to do with salaried terminations, which occurred at the end of September

David Taylor, a Fulton County High School Senior, has been elected as FHA Chapter Beau. He is presently serving as Beta Club President, FFA Vice President, “Most Likely to Succeed” and Senior Favorite.

Fulton County Homecoming royalty for 1987 included Stacy Rash, J.J. Prather, Sharon Wilson and Andrea Mayberry.

**50 Years Ago**  
**December 6, 1962**  
The city council learned Monday that the Corps of Engineers expects to begin work on Hickman’s Harbor after the first of the year. The council also learned that Hickman is being considered for a sugar beet factory. Councilman Clifton Everett said Hickman was being considered because f the Mississippi River location.

Fulton and Louisville attorney for Kentucky Utilities have filed suit in Fulton Circuit Court to contest the Nov. 6 election in which Hickmanites voted 376-71 for low cost power. Some legal sources saw the move as a delaying action to hinder Hickman’s progress in acquiring TVA power.

France Henry, Gravel Gertie, came through with a mammoth 212 game at Bel Aire Bowling Lanes Tuesday night in the Early Timers League.

Dobson’s Department Store has had two break-ins in a period of one week.

Hickman Chamber of Commerce spokesman “Drag” Yarbrow told the Hickman Courier Tuesday that bands from Union City and North Marshall have accepted invitation to march in the Hickman Christmas parade Thursday, Dec. 13.

**75 Years Ago**  
**December 10, 1937**  
Clinton Street will be decked out in the gayest holiday attire that it has ever worn, as a result of contributions received last week from public spirited citizens of Hickman to purchase the necessary wire, sockets, and bulbs to flood the downtown business section with light.

Louise Conn of Milan spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. John Conn.

Dr. and Mrs. J.G. Samuels were hosts to their bridge club Wednesday evening at their apartment on Clinton St.

**125 Years Ago**  
**November 12, 1887**  
Engineers are again making estimates of the cost of a levee from Hickman to Tiptonville. If they keep on figuring they will build this levee some day.

The Hickman schools are reporting as more prosperous than for years.

The corn crop in this section is not an average crop, but our farmers will not only rate enough for home use, but will have a considerable surplus for sale. New corn is now selling for \$2.00 a bushel in Hickman.

# Levee board transfers funds from cd, increases tax rate

Charlotte Smith  
**Editor**

With an estimated \$68,500 in expenses for the Relief Well Project pending, the Fulton County Levee Board voted to transfer \$100,000 from their certificate of deposit and to increase the tax rate in the levee district. “We are under-funded district wide,” stated Levee Board President David Weatherly on Wednesday, Aug. 8. If the board doesn’t transfer the funds and raise the tax rate, they will soon be operating in the red.

It costs the levee board approximately \$9,450 a year to have the levee mowed and the current tax rate of .062 generates approximately \$9,000 a year in income. The board elected to take the 4% increase instead of the compensating rate to help generate enough funds to cover the mowing expense. Raising the rate to .065 will generate an additional \$330 in income for the levee district strapped with the maintenance expenses of the levee, which covers 17 miles in Fulton County.

With the Relief Well Project, awarded and construction ready to begin as soon as the fields are cleared, the levee board has hired Alan and Slick Parker to clean the ditch out at the pumping station. The board elected to rent one track hoe and, pleased with the progress so far, voted on Aug. 8 to rent another one. The plan is to perform all the necessary work during the driest part of the summer which is generally July – September. “One big rain could put us out of business” stated board Vice President Mark Williams.

The Relief Well Project was awarded to Young & Associates, a minority-owned company from Jackson, Tenn. They have subcontracted with Coffey Construction to do the work. “Coffey Construction is anxious to get started,” stated

Weatherly. “They will begin the work as soon as the first field is cleared.”

“The Rip Rap Project has yet to be awarded,” added Weatherly. “It should be awarded this month.”

A majority of the Levee Board members are planning to travel to Caruthersville, Mo. to take part in the low water inspection on August 20, which will travel the river to Blytheville, Ark.

The meeting, which began at 8:30 a.m., adjourned at 9:03 a.m. Plans were set to hold the next regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 8 a.m. in the boardroom of the Fulton County Office Building on Myron Cory Drive in Hickman. The meeting is open to the public.



## Cradle Roll



Madeline Kate Mesheew

## Madeline Kate arrives July 30

Eric and Jill Mesheew of Clinton, Ky., announce the birth of their daughter Madeline Kate. She was born July 30, 2012 at 10:04 p.m. at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Union City, Tenn. She was seven pounds, 14 ounces and 19.5 inches long. Maddie Kate joins two sisters, Hailey and Kylie.

Her maternal grandparents are Jim and Agnes Williams of Hickman, Ky. Her paternal grandparents are Martha

Mesheew of Clinton and the late Richard Mesheew.

Her maternal great-grandparents are Mary Kaufman of Hickman and the late Raymond Kaufman and Maxine Williams of Fulton, Ky. and the late Logan Williams. Her paternal great-grandparents are Maxine Eskew, of Clinton and the late James “Hub” Eskew and the late Richard “Jack” and Jesse Mesheew.



Luke Bennett Poynor

## Luke Poynor arrives July 20

C.H., Courtney, and Harrison Poynor are happy to announce the birth of the newest addition to their family, Luke Bennett Poynor.

Luke was born on Friday, July 20, 2012, at Western Baptist Hospital weighing seven pounds, and was 18 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Temmy and Pam Bennett of Fulton, Harry Poynor of

Hickman, and Jeannie Poynor of Union City, Tenn.

Luke’s great-grandparents are Bobby and Judith Ann Anderson, and Mary Ruth Poynor, all of Hickman, and Charles and Carol Bennett of Fulton.

Luke’s great-great-grandmother is Ivettie Anderson of Hickman. The family resides in Mayfield and is doing very well.

## Waldroup family welcomes Maggie

Eric and Joni Beth Waldroup of Lexington, Ky., announce the birth of their first child, a girl, July 27, 2012, at 3:41 p.m., at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

Maggie Ruth weighed seven pounds, four ounces and was

18-1/2 inches in length.

Grandparents are David and Sandra Lattus of Hickman, Ky., and Denny and Lee Waldroup of Owensboro, Ky.

The mother is the former Joni Beth Lattus of Hickman.



Maggie Ruth Waldroup

## Letter to the Editor

Fulton County’s Rescue Squad at Work  
Dear Editor,

That’s right, it is Fulton County’s Rescue Squad, and I would like to report to you how much they have contributed to protecting the citizens of Fulton County in the last 12 months.

From July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, this group of twenty-one VOLUNTEERS (men and women), have responded to 69 calls for assistance and logged 238 man-hours of service. That is an increase of 27% over the previous fiscal year in number of responses. They also logged 424 man-hours of training.

They extricated people from wrecked vehicles, established landing zones for Air-Evac, rescued boaters from the river and performed other acts of assistance. All this for free. That’s right, the Rescue Squad cannot and does not charge for its

services, but they do have expenses. Maintenance, fuel and training supplies are some of their expenses. Their fundraising efforts have helped, but not enough. Many of you have supported the squad in the past, and to you I say “Thank You”. Now it is time to help again.

On behalf of Fulton County Emergency Management, I ask you to contribute to this worthwhile organization. Fulton County needs them. Please make your check payable to the Fulton County Rescue Squad and mail it to:

Fulton Co. Emergency Management  
2216 Myron Cory Drive, Suite 1,  
Hickman, KY 42050

I sincerely thank you,  
Hugh Caldwell, Director  
Fulton County Emergency Management

To the Editor:  
Beginning to get up in years and having survived quite a few presidential elections, I would like to voice my thoughts on this fall’s election.

This is the first time that there has been an obvious choice between a socialist candidate and a capitalist candidate. Those that believe that it is the government’s responsibility to provide cradle to grave upkeep for all of its population should go ahead and vote for Barack Obama. The path that he seems to be leading us is similar to the countries of the European Union and the former Soviet Socialist Republic. While I believe it is society’s responsibility to care for the elderly and those unable to look after themselves it is not right for able bodied citizens to not contribute to society’s wellbeing. When it becomes more advantageous for people to live off the system rather than find productive work the pendulum has swung too far toward socialism.

Capitalism believes in rewarding the industriousness and ingenuity of those willing to take risks and work toward goals. One of the problems in our country today is that we place a great burden on anyone willing to hire employees. While traditionally employers have always felt a sense of responsibility to the people working for them the government has mandated these responsibilities to the extreme.

This fall we have a choice between a candidate that advocates socialism or one that stands for freedom of the individual to pursue private enterprise. As for me, I think it is time to rein in the tentacles of the federal government.

As far as taxes are concerned, it is only right that those that have the most should pay a larger portion of their income. However, when 50% of the population pays no federal tax it’s not right to balance the budget by overly taxing those that have worked hard to succeed. As the Apostle Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, those that are not willing to work should not eat. It is only correct that those with more ability should contribute more to society. It is wrong for others to be freeloaders and not contribute at all.

Bill Grasfeder  
*Editor’s Note: All Letters to the Editor need to be signed and less than 300 words.*

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Hickman Rotary Club





**FULTON COUNTY AREA TECHNOLOGY STAFF** - Members of the Fulton County Area Technology Staff are celebrating the success of their students, earning a ranking of 16th in the state. Staff include (l to r) Principal Tom Pyron, Heather Elder, Terry Sullivan, Jenny Page, Teresa Hayden, Brad Tucker, Ronnie Harper, Larry Miller and Dallas Pruitt. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)

## Fulton County ATC ranks 16th state-wide

The Fulton County Area Technology Center (ATC) in Hickman recently received the ranking of 16th in the state (out of 55) of Kentucky among ATC's who administered the WorkKeys Assessment last year. The assessment was given to high school students who took classes at the ATC. Fulton County earned this ranking with a pass rate of 60%.

"We are proud of our

students and the teachers who have worked with them," stated ATC Principal Tom Pyron. "The WorkKeys scores are a key component of the College and Career Readiness Accountability."

Lincoln County ATC had the highest percent rate of 73.5% with 248 tests. Rockcastle County ATC was 263 tests at 71.5% and Mayfield-Graves County ATC ranked third with a

68.3% and 372 tests.

"WorkKeys is used to measure skills considered necessary in the workplace," explained the Kentucky Department of Education website. "The assessment provides individualized information on student achievement in a set of academic skills relevant to the workplace. It also provides students, parents, and schools feedback on academic needs

to be addressed prior to high school graduation. The three WorkKeys tests...provided to Kentucky students are Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics, and Locating Information."

"We hope to improve these scores this Spring when we test this year's Seniors," concluded Pyron.



Did you realize that you may join the "lunch bunch" at the Hickman Senior Center for a nourishing, nutritious, hot lunch that is prepared on-site? Check out the menu listed below and come join us for lunch! The cost is \$4.00 for non-seniors, and a donation of \$2.00 per meal would be appreciated for all those 60 years of age and older! *Lunches like these take place at senior centers across the country as part of the Older Americans Act and are available for people who are 60 or older, regardless of income.* Whether you call (236-2826) and sign up for lunch at our center or invite a friend to dine with you at home, I hope you will make sure you break bread with someone this month. The most "nutritious" meals are often the ones you share with someone else.

We have been playing Bingo (25 cents a card) each Wednesday following lunch! It has been so much fun that we are *adding an additional day for Bingo on Monday!* Come out and join us each Monday & Wednesday at approximately 11:30 for Bingo. The money goes to assist with buying materials for Adult Day Care (ADC) activities. Winners of this week's Bingo games were Julia Davis, Suzanne Hurley, Helen Drewry, with coverall

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**WELCOME TO ROTARY** - Hickman Rotary Club President Terry Narr (left) welcomes the club's newest member Tracey Lamb (right), Fulton County High School Principal to the club after last week's meeting. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)



**WHITE COAT CEREMONY** – Joshua Searce, a 2007 graduate of Fulton County High School, participated in a White Coat Ceremony at the University of Louisville School of Medicine on Sunday, Aug. 5. Studying to become a doctor, Searce will be at the University of Louisville for two more years. He is the son of Jimmy Searce of Hickman, and the late Sandra Searce and the grandson of Betty and Larry Blasingim of Union City, Tenn. Searce lives in Louisville with his wife, Shasta Roberson. They were married in January 2012. Shasta is the granddaughter of Brenda Roberson of Hickman. (Photo submitted.)

## Isham Browder was wounded during the Revolutionary war

Probably the only Revolutionary soldier buried in this county, Isham Browder was born 6-12-1762 in Virginia. Records of several counties in Virginia were so completely destroyed in courthouse fires it has been impossible to determine the county of his birth or his parentage. He died 2-19-1830 in what is now Fulton County and is buried in the orchard of his son, Augustine on the State Line Road about 3 miles west of Fulton. His coffin was a hollowed out oak log held together by bark strips. A highway marker was erected in 1965 near the site. Two sons, Augustine and David were living in the county.

In 1776, he enlisted in the Revolutionary War and was wounded in the arm at Monmouth and discharged.

He settled on a land grant in Hopkins County, Kentucky about 1795 gradually added to this until he became one of the large landowners of the county. However, in 1805, he purchased three tracts of 100 acres each in Ohio on a branch of the Scioto River. His first trip there was with Nathaniel Randolph, surveyor, and a neighbor, Duncan McArthur. Later, he returned to put it into cultivation to find the corner markers had been removed, grass planted and under cultivation by McArthur. Lawsuits followed through the Supreme Court of Ohio in which Browder won. McArthur appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court and Browder lost. On December 28, 1826, Isham Browder Jr., assumed the indebtedness on the farm and took over his father's property, consisting of 788 acres for \$750.06. Isham and Elizabeth moved to this County in 1827 and lived in a cabin on

Augustine's farm. He was on the Tax List for Hickman Co., 1827.

Isham Browder was married to Rachel Slaton, the daughter of John and Susannah (Hodges) Slaydon. John Slaydon, a Revolutionary soldier, was the son of Arthur and Rachel Slaydon of Goochland County. Rachel died in 1808, and Isham married Elizabeth Searce of Woodford County.

They had one child, Kitty 1811-1813. In 1821, Isham and Elizabeth deeded two acres for a church and cemetery, now called Browder's Methodist Church about 6 miles east of Madisonville, Ky. Both wives and Kitty are buried there.

Isham's children were: Thomas b. ca 1786 m. Rebecca J. Harvey. In War 1812; Herbert b. ca 1788 d. 1815 m. Henrietta Slayden; John b. 3-22-1790 d. 1875 m. Nancy Allen; Josiah b. ca 1792 d. 1854 m. Lucinda Brigam, 2, Rachel Barwick; Pleasant b. 2-16-1794 d. 1830 m. Lucy Jane Monroe; Martha b. 9-14-1795 d. 1877 m. Joseph Gill; Mary b. 1797 d., m. Rev. Thomas Attebury; Isham Jr. b. 5-12-1799 d. 1864 m. Lucretia Langley; James b. 5-9-1802 d. 1874 m. Harried Smith, 2, Minerva Turpin; Augustine b. 11-18-1803 d. 1873 m. Arena Jackson; David b. 6-16-1806 d. 1894 m. Mary Smith, 2, Mrs. Betty West.

Isham Browder was a devout Methodist, often filling the pulpit in the absence of the pastor. It follows that two sons, Josiah and James, became Methodist preachers, and daughter, Mary, married a Methodist preacher.

*Editor's Note: Next week we will feature the J.A. Browder family. If anyone would like to update this history, please contact us at hickmancourier@bellsouth.net or 270-236-3412.*

Charlotte Smith  
**Editor**

In 2011 only five students became Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA's) through the Fulton County Area Technology Center. This year 14 students from Fulton County, Fulton Independent and Hickman County completed the course, took the test and passed it. The program is growing leaps and bounds, after four years of adding it to the curriculum. "This is the most we have had take the MNA (Medicaid Nurse Aid) course at the ATC and pass the state test certifying them as CNAs," stated Heather Elder, now in her fourth year of teaching the nursing class.

"There is a great deal of information to cover in the MNA program and students have to study hard to pass the state test. It requires dedication and hard work, but isn't that the kind of person you want taking care of you or your family member?"

"The post-secondary healthcare career programs are highly competitive in which to be accepted," added Elder. "The more certifications you have completed before you even apply increases

the likelihood a student will be accepted. The students that take classes in the Health Science Program at the ATC have the opportunity to obtain their CPR certification for healthcare professionals as well as their CNA certification."

Becoming CNAs and either going on to post secondary schools or working in the medical field include the following Fulton County students Candie Toombs, Kameryn Weeks, Laiken Dickson, Marianna Harris, Ashlee Eakes, and Chelsea Anderson and from Fulton Independent Annissa Madding. Seven students from Hickman County also became certified and they include Marissa Baggett, Nicole Lynch, Amber Garcia, MacKenzie Ward, Kelsey Sams, Allison Jones, and Rene Smith.

Some of these former area students have gone on to further their education at West Kentucky Community Technical College in Paducah, the University of Tennessee at Martin, and Murray State University. Others are working at area medical facilities like Union City Manor, Western Baptist Hospital, Murray Regional Hospital,



Toombs



Dickson



Weeks



Harris



Eakes

### A Note Of Thanks

*I sincerely want to thank all of our friends and family for all your kind thoughts, gifts, and prayers, during our time of difficulty. Bob and I appreciate and cherish all of you, as well as your kindness.*

**Beth Ray**

Haws Memorial, and ICF in Clinton.

"I am so pleased to have this large number of students to pass the state CNA test. This reflects not only on the hard work of these students but also on the good preparation provided by their teacher Ms. Elder," stated ATC Principal Tom Pyron. "The CNA license gives these students the credential to begin work in a medical facility and also fulfills a prerequisite to enter nursing school and several other allied health programs at the college level. We are trying to prepare students to enter careers in which they could stay in this area and find employment. The healthcare field is definitely one of those careers."

*Editor's Note:* Only the Fulton County students are pictured.



Anderson



*The Hickman Courier wishes all these good folks a very happy birthday! Help make their days more special by remembering them with a card or a phone call.*

**August 19** – Blonnie Mikel, David Eason, Laverne Fletcher, Gary Tucker, Angela Grissom, Christy Gamble, Callie McWhorter, and Jonathan Russom.

**August 20** – Mrs. Johnnie Mosely, Michael Alexander, Johnny Woods, and Dasmond Fitz.

*Have a Good Day*  
*Denise Grissom*

**August 21** – Richard Henson, Billy Charles Stephens, Rachel Riley, Mary C. Guess, and Angela Michelle Welch.

**August 22** – Alan Coffey, Mareena Wright, Buzz Henry, and Sue Gamble.

**August 23** – Henry Clay Sauerwin, Ashton Fleming, April Warner Newsom, Eric Thomas Toombs, and Matthew Clay Merrell.

**August 24** – Willard Ferguson, Roy DeHart, Ed Sumara, Christopher Robinette, Judy Kay Morgan, Matthew Henderson, Amy Vowell, and Kayla Grissom Mullis.

**August 25** – Danny Owens, James Earl Mathis, and Billy Baxter.



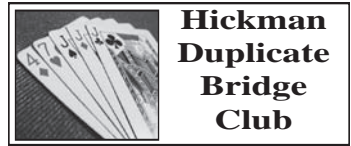
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Club winners for Tuesday, August 7 were as follows: Betty Amberg and Jo Grissom, Betty Fields and Doris Lattus, and Nancy Richards and Dianna Nerren, all tied for first place.

### Election

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of 28. He has been chairman of the Budget Committee since 2011 and is a senior member of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee. He and his wife Janna have three children.

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**CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM** - The Hickman County trio of (l-r) Trent Johnson, Harry Rogers and Don Preston captured the Hickman Country Club's 3-Man Scramble this past weekend. The team posted a two day 36 hole score of 108, which was 36-under par. Forty-eight teams of golfers from several states converged in Hickman to take part in the annual event. Johnson, Rogers and Preston took home \$600 for their top prize winnings. (Photo by Charles Choate.)



**FIRST FLIGHT CHAMPIONS** - The team of (l-r) Chase Pilkenton of Bogota, Nathan Moore of Ridgley, and Jimmy Yates of Tiptonville, shot the lowest score in the First Flight of the 3-Man Scramble at the Hickman Country Club. The team posted a 36 hole score of 119, 25-under par. The team won \$600 in prize money. (Photo by Charles Choate.)



**THIRD FLIGHT CHAMPS** - Larry Jimerson of South Fulton, Thomas Stanford of Union City, and Tommy Stanford of Memphis, took home \$600 for their Third Flight win in Hickman. The team shot a 36-hole 129, 15-under par. (Photo by Charles Choate.)

FarmService announces opportunity for continuous CRP enrollment of highly erodible cropland

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that continuous sign-up for the Highly Erodible Land (HEL) Initiative under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) started on July 23, 2012. Kentucky received a total allocation of 39,400 acres to enroll in the HEL CRP program. Offers will be accepted until either the state acreage allocation limit is reached or September 30, 2012, whichever occurs first.

This initiative will accept offers with an erosion rate of at least 20 tons per acres per year for new cropland or CRP acres that expire on September 30, 2012; however, existing grass stands that are not considered expiring CRP will be considered eligible for enrollment. Eligible cropland must also have a history of being cropped 4 out of 6 years, 2002 through 2007.

Landowners enrolled in CRP receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. Incentive payments are not authorized under this initiative.

New land contracts approved during this continuous sign-up initiative will become effective the first day of the month following the month of approval and are valid for 10 years.

Eligible CRP contracts set to expire on September 30, 2012, may be offered for consideration and approved contracts will become effective October 1, 2012. This contract duration is also 10 years.

For more information, please contact your local FSA Office or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.

Spirit

won by Mary Helen McCauley!

Celebrating August Birthdays at this month's party were Carolyn Kelly, Ray Henry, Phyllis Simmons, Julia Davis, Lenora Tezky, Mary Ruth Poyner and Mary Helen McCauley. Happy Birthday to all you ladies!

Most of us love our routines. We have a certain way we drive home. We have a special chair we like to sit in. We have specific days we like to do certain errands. Next week, in *Senior Spirit*, I'll talk a little about what happens when our routines go away and the challenges that can confront us.

**Words of Wisdom:**

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

Mark Twain

**From the Director's Desk...**

It's that time of year to take our annual senior citizen test. Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it's important to keep mentally alert. If you don't use it, you lose it!

Below is a very private way to gauge your loss or non-loss of intelligence.

Take the test presented here to determine if you're losing it or not.

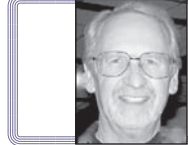
Ok, relax, clear your mind and begin.

1. What do you put in a toaster?

Look for answer in next week's column.

The following items with be served at the Senior Center next week:

**Monday, August 20**



Sports In Kentucky For the Hickman Courier

By Bob Watkins

Flag waving time in America. With our country's problems – hateful political discourse; the national debt, racism, on to a national obesity problem (Walmartians) – those who say America is in decline are wishful thinkers (Hugo Chavez), whistling past the graveyard (Iranian imam), or just don't get it (Cuba's Castro brothers).

Nice, 104 medals at the 30th Olympiad, 46 gold, 29 silver, 29 bronze. Well ahead of China, Russia and the rest.

But there is more than metal here.

Team USA took 530 athletes to London, 269 women and 261 men. Females outnumbered males at an Olympiad for the first time. Of 104, the women won 58 medals – 29 gold, 14 silver, 15 bronze. The men's medal count: 17, 15 and 13.

Superseding those totals and records set, is this: Opportunity. Title IX, a law passed in 1972 improved opportunities for women in sports.

With all our shortcomings, squabbles and shameless media rant to inflame, opportunity to succeed remain a linchpin to America's place on the planet. China and Russia flail away, some say cheat, while American athletes push to achieve at ever higher levels because they (we) can. Many of our champions in athletics will rise to be leaders in years to come.

Opportunity to become best of the best.

Wave the flag, America, I love this place.

**SUMMER HOOPS TOP STORY?**

Top story from summer

basketball circuit? Take your choice ...

1. American men and women won gold medals at the Olympics in London.

2. Jabari Parker. A report this week said the nation's number one college prospect has narrowed his college list to three – Duke, Kansas and Michigan State.

3. Nerlens Noel is academically eligible to play at Kentucky.

4. Or, is it Kentucky's rise is the sports licensing industry?

According to internet site Bleacher Report, University of Kentucky deposited \$6.73 million in merchandise royalties during fiscal year ending June 30. Near a 40 per cent increase from 2011.

A Kentucky Wildcats 2012 NCAA Basketball National Champions t-shirt sells for \$24.95. A UK basketball jersey – \$74.95.

In a \$4.6 billion industry, Kentucky climbed from seventh to third place in revenue rankings behind only Texas and Alabama (football schools?).

**BEST OF BEST**

USA's men's basketball team cruised to another gold medal and got the ultimate celebrity treatment doing it. Mike Krzyzewski would have it no other way, yet, the head coach has arrived at an extraordinary place in sports, seems to me.

Krzyzewski is more than college basketball's winningest coach (and counting), more than leader to four NCAA titles at Duke. His two USA gold medal unbeaten teams at the Olympics are stellar achievements also.

Yet, beyond those statistical accolades, Krzyzewski is becoming an American icon for success certainly, but more for humility, integrity and emphasis on what a college coach should be, an educator invested in educating those who need one.

Krzyzewski is indeed a Man for all seasons in all sports.

Best of the best.

**KENTUCKY OLYMPIANS**

The Commonwealth made a solid contribution to Team USA's success in London.

Reese Hoffa, born in Louisville, earned a bronze in the shot; Tyson Gay of Lexington, won a silver in the 4x100 meter relay; Claire Donahue, a Western Kentucky University graduate won a gold medal in butterfly leg of 400-meter medley relay.

Angel McCoughtry, University of Louisville graduate earned a gold in women basketball. And, capping off a year for the ages, 19-year-old Anthony Davis has a gold medal too.

**GENUINE FAB FIVE**

Fab Five. Bravo to the British for applying a nickname worthy of its characters. American gymnastics gold medal winning quintet – Gabby Douglas, Kyla Ross, McKayla Maroney, Aly Raisman and Jordyn Wieber – are destined to make lots of money.

Hope America's new Fab Five inspires ESPN editors to drop its tiresome and fraudulent feature still being aired called Fab Five, referring to the 1991 University of Michigan basketball team

that won nothing except disdain and responsibility for NCAA ordered taking down UM's Final Four banner. And, it earned a classic laugh line from one gushing sports writer who called the Wolverines "one of the most intellectually intriguing teams in history of the game."

**RAINEY A RAVEN**

Former Western star running back Bobby Rainey is still in the hunt for a job with the Baltimore Ravens. In an exhibition game last week, the Baltimore Sun reported, free agent Rainey rushed 12 times for 36 yards, caught three passes for 28 and a touchdown. He also returned six punts for 50 yards and a kickoff for 26.

"He's a football player," coach John Harbaugh said. "(Rainey) did the same things in the game today he's done in practice. And that's what you want to see. You want to see guys carry it over."

**WORTH REPEATING DEPT.**

Gauging his team's preseason work so far, Western Kentucky football coach Willie Taggart remarked last week a "noticeable absence of 'Freddie Soft.'"

Freddie what?

Freddie Soft, Taggart explained, is "a small guy who sits on players' shoulders and tells them not to work hard. The coach is happy to report that Freddie Soft has not made an appearance at practice yet this year.

"We still have a lot of work to do," he said.

But Freddie Soft has not been a problem.

And so it goes.

Fulton County sees rise in percentage of college graduates

By Bill Bishop and Roberto Gallardo

Fulton County has experienced a brain gain in the last 40 years, joining the rest of the country in what has been a massive increase in the number of adults who have earned college degrees.

In 1970, 4.9 percent of those over 25 years of age had college degrees in Fulton County. By 2010, 10.9 percent of adults here had completed college.

The percentage of adults with college degrees in Fulton County was less than the national average of 27.9 percent in 2010. The college-educated rate here was less than the Kentucky average of 20.3 percent.

The number of adults in the United States with college degrees has nearly tripled since 1970, when only 10.7 percent of adults had graduated from college. But the percentage of adults with degrees in counties with small cities, such as Fulton County, while increasing, has generally fallen behind the proportion of college-educated residents in urban counties.

The loss of young, well-educated residents has posed a long-standing difficulty for rural communities.

"One of the problems that rural areas face is that in order to get a college education, young people often have to leave," says Judith Stallmann, an economist at the University of Missouri. "Once you leave, that introduces you to other opportunities that you might not have seen had you not left."

The good news for rural America is that it has caught up in every other measure of education.

In 1970, 7.8 percent of adults in rural counties had some education after high school, but less than a college degree. By 2010, 27.4 percent of rural adults had attained some post high school education without earning a college diploma. That level of education was close

to the national average of 28.1 percent.

In Fulton County, 7.3 percent of adults had some college in 1970, rising to 22.9 percent in 2010. The Kentucky average in 2010 was 26.2 percent. Fulton County had 6,067 adults (those over 25 years of age) in 1970 and 4,892 adults in 2010.

Overall, Stallmann says, the trends show that "rural people have responded to the demand for increased job skills by the increasing their post secondary education."

Only 22.4 percent of the adult population in Fulton County had failed to graduate from high school in 2010. Nationally 15 percent of adults had not completed high school; in Kentucky, the rate was 19.0 percent.

Mark Partridge, a rural economist at Ohio State University, says that regional differences in college graduation rates have increased in recent years. Partridge said his studies have found that rural counties and counties with small cities in the South and West didn't fare as well as those in the Midwest and Northeast in attracting college graduates. Even though the Sunbelt has seen tremendous growth over the past few decades, the South's rural counties haven't kept up in terms of attracting adults with college degrees.

But the problem of keeping college graduates in rural America is a national issue and one that is also enduring.

Missouri economist Stallmann said this is a reflection of the kinds of jobs that are generally available in rural communities. If there are fewer jobs demanding college degrees in a community, there are likely to be fewer college graduates.

"It's a big deal in a lot of rural counties because you don't see a lot of jobs that require a college education," Stallmann said. Young people graduating from high school don't see many jobs that demand a college diploma, so they don't think about coming home once they leave for the university.

There can be a "self-reinforcing cycle" in rural communities, Stallmann said — young people leave to gain higher education, they don't come back after college because there aren't jobs that demand such education, and their absence diminishes the chances that more of these kinds of jobs will be created.

Nationally, rural counties and counties with small cities have caught up with urban counties in the percentage of adults who have some post high school education. Stallmann sees this as a sign that "there are perhaps more jobs in rural areas that require post secondary education but not college."

Both Stallmann and Partridge said the data on college education rates told them that rural communities should consider the kind of jobs being created locally.

"Rural communities may need to think about the types of jobs" being created, Stallmann said. "There are some communities that are doing things like getting local businesses to put an emphasis on hiring local kids who got a college education."

"It really suggests that rural communities that aren't thinking about making themselves attractive to educated people are really going to suffer," Partridge said.

Bill Bishop is co-editor of the Daily Yonder ([www.dailyyonder.com](http://www.dailyyonder.com)), an online news publication covering rural America that is published by the Center for Rural Strategies. The Center for Rural Strategies ([www.ruralstrategies.org](http://www.ruralstrategies.org)) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote healthy civic discourse about rural issues.

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For the raw information included in this story and charts, graphs and a map, visit this site: <http://www.dailyyonder.com/education-and-rural-america-data-page/2012/07/06/4165>



**HEADED TO CLASS** - This Fulton County Elementary/Middle School student has her supplies ready to go to class on the first day, Thursday, Aug. 9. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** - Kindergarten students in Mrs. Carla McClure's class were bright-eyed and ready to go on the first day of school, Thursday, Aug. 9. Students shown include: (in no particular order) Allie Grace Jones, Ashden Thomas, Brandon Johnson, Cody Stewart, Diamond Mitchell, Donnell Lipscomb, Emadd Howard, Emelia Wheeler, Emry Ellingburg, Fairyn Thomas, Hannah Murphy, Hez Smith, Jadairian Smith, James Carson Parker, Javen Kimmons, Kylee Harrison, Landon Cole, Madelyn White, Maleah Price, Mylee Sims, Phoebe Patterson, SaMarya Newberry, Skylar Massey, Tristan Kinney, and Yharia Bolden. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)

Carwash Etc. and Billy Cox would like to thank the City of Hickman, Police and Sheriff's Departments, Fulton County Schools, the community and players for helping and participating in the 1st Annual Old and New School Jamfest. May you be blessed.



# Major Alaska mission trip adventure continues with part two

By Mindy Major  
12:20 a.m. July 2, 2012.  
Anchorage, Alaska. The balance of the team arrives for the trip to Bethel, Alaska. Jason Faulkner, Jessica Mulcahy, Tom Sheehan, Mike Sheehan, Dixie Major, and Daisy Major join us for the next leg of our trip across Alaska. Dallas Pruitt, Lynn Dunn, Levi Woods, Jeromy Slayden, Joe Jackson, and Connor Jackson continue on to Chickaloon, Alaska, to work on the Chickaloon Retreat Center.

After last year's team almost completed the Chickaloon Retreat Center, Rick Major realized that it would be necessary to locate another construction project in Alaska. Scott Kirby, a missionary based in Anchorage, knew of a need in Bethel, Alaska, and connected Rick with Pastor Tom Conrad of the Bethel Moravian Church. Bethel, population 6,219, is located in western Alaska on the Kuskokwim River about 400 miles from Anchorage. The only way into Bethel is by plane, by boat, or in winter by dogsled. The Bethel Moravian Church serves as a sort of hub for the

village churches in the area surrounding Bethel, providing support and education for church leaders.

The church has been planning the parsonage for several years. The goal was to build the parsonage without taking out any loans. Additionally, the plans had to be finalized many months in advance since the lumber and other supplies needed to build the parsonage had to be shipped in by barge up the Kuskokwim on one of the two barges that come to Bethel early each summer. The church was also counting on volunteer labor due to the fact that the bulk of the church membership is Yup'ik Eskimo who spend each summer gathering food to get them through the winter. The short building season in Bethel is also the short food gathering season for the native Alaskans living there. The Yup'iks subsist mainly from the salmon caught in the River, any moose or caribou they are able to kill, and the berries and roots that they gather from the tundra. In order to make progress on the construction of the parsonage, the church would have to be successful in finding teams to come to Bethel to assist them.

The Mt. Carmel team, we discover, is to be the first crew of the summer. Our flight out

of Anchorage is scheduled for about 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 2. After getting a team of eight people through security, boarding the plane, and waiting for about two hours on the plane, we learn that our Alaska Airlines flight has been cancelled. The team is instructed to return later that evening for a 7:00 p.m. flight. After leaving the airport for a couple of hours to get a bite to eat, we return to the airport for a second attempt and a successful trip to Bethel.

At the Bethel airport we are greeted by Pastor Tom and a church member, Kaylun Mute. After loading the van we are taken to our housing at the Alaska Moravian Seminary building beside the church. Upon arrival, we are shown around the church, the building site, and the seminary building. The team learns that there are five men who arrived on Sunday afternoon from Wisconsin and California that will be working with us on the construction project. There will be thirteen of us staying in the seminary building: four women and nine men. The most important piece of information relayed to us was this: all water at the church and seminary is trucked in once a week and pumped into a 500-gallon tank. All sewage and gray water drains into a second 500-gallon tank which is pumped out once a week. We are instructed by the seminary director to be very careful of our water usage since thirteen people would be sharing the five hundred gallons of water over the course of the next week.

After covering the windows in our rooms with garbage bags or dark blankets to keep out the sunlight, we went to bed for a few hours rest before starting to work in the morning. Bright and early the next morning we are up ready to work but we soon discover that the forecast calls for rain all day with a high of only 58 degrees. After morning devotions we decided to walk over to the grocery and check out the food prices. We found that a bag of Tostitos corn chips cost \$9.99 and three ears of sweet corn sold for \$12. A gallon of milk was about \$8. We spent the next few hours indoors getting to know our teammates and waiting for the rain to stop.

At about 4 p.m. we decided that the rain had let up enough that we would venture out to try to raise the walls on the parsonage. The other five men who arrived on Sunday had been able to frame up the floor and two walls on Monday before our arrival. Building on the tundra is quite different than building in western Kentucky. The buildings basically sit on stilts atop wooden pads that allow the building to shift during the freezes and thaws that occur each year in Alaska. This part of the job had been done on Monday so the next step was to raise the walls. To raise the walls, twelve adults stood on the floor of the building and, when the word was given, raised the eight foot high, forty foot long wall and held it up until another team member could nail down the bottom plate and steady the wall with two by fours.

When the church learned that four women were part of our team, Pastor Tom requested that we also do some work in the church building. The church is open to the community as a host to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and as a location for supervised visitation for parents who have lost custody of their children. The church nursery, used for visitations as well as for church use, had not been painted since the church was built in the mid-nineties and Tiona, Pastor Tom's wife, had a vision of redecorating the nursery. On Tuesday afternoon, Tiona and Daisy picked out paint, and Dixie, Jessica, and I got to work

painting the nursery sky blue with a white ceiling. Daisy was assigned the job of painting the benches and bookshelf grass green. The church also requested that we paint one hallway in the church.

Wednesday was the Fourth of July and so we made plans to attend the Bethel Fourth of July Parade. Daisy was invited to walk in the parade so we gathered on the road beside the church to wave, catch candy, and look for Daisy. After a fun morning meeting church members and seeing a little more of the town, we settled down to an afternoon of construction and painting.

Thursday was also spent painting and working on the parsonage, and by Thursday evening, a portion of the metal roof had already been screwed down. Friday was much the same except for the fact that the salmon season opened back up and a couple of church members came to take us fishing on the river. The first three to fish were Rick, Jason, and Daisy. The Yup'iks fish for salmon using large weighted gill nets held up by floats. The nets are place across the river and begin to drift downstream. The salmon swimming upstream are caught in the gill nets and then the nets are pulled aboard the boats and the fish are removed from the nets. When the first fishermen returned, they brought about 30 large salmon with them. Tom, Mike, and Jessica were the next ones to go out and they also brought several fish back. Jason and Rick spent most of Friday evening cleaning fish, and the rest of the team helped wrap the fish for freezing. Dixie and I would go out on Saturday morning.

Besides salmon fishing on the Kuskokwim, Friday bought another adventure: the Yup'ik steam house. Rick was the first to go with Pastor Tom and Kaylun. We learned from the natives that steaming is a tradition for the Yup'iks and that it is actually a way of bathing. The steam house consists of a cooling room and a steam room. The steam room has either a fire

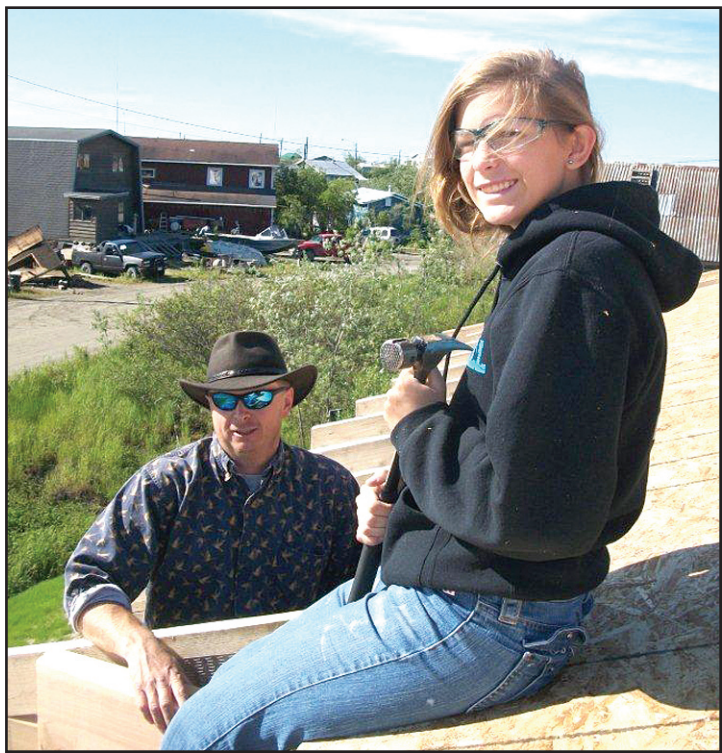
pit or a wood stove that heats a tub of water. Upon entering the steam room, the bathers pour the hot water over hot rocks creating steam. After the men finished steaming, Jessica, Dixie, Daisy and I had our turn. It was a very interesting experience and Rick was even inspired to build his own steam house when we return to Kentucky.

On Saturday morning the team visited the Saturday Market at the cultural center where every two weeks Bethel residents bring crafts, baked goods, and other items to sell. We spent the afternoon cleaning the seminary and packing for our return trip on Sunday. We also learned on Saturday that although we had been very conservative with our water use, we had a problem. The seminary director had requested that the tank be filled on the weekend before our arrival so that we would have the full 500 gallons. By Saturday we had only used about 250 gallons. The problem was that someone at the water service failed to pass along the message that when the water tank was refilled at the seminary, the sewage tank should be pumped. Even though we had only used half of our allotted water, we had to stop

using any water because the sewage tank was FULL. At that point, we had to go to the church to brush our teeth and use the bathroom. The only bathing to be done was with water from the sinks at the church. At least water was available.

On Sunday morning we were able to attend the English services at the Bethel Moravian church. The evening service at the church each week is conducted in Yup'ik; however, that morning we were treated to a Yup'ik hymn sung by native members of the congregation. After a quick lunch, it was off to the airport again for the return trip to Anchorage. Monday would allow us to sightsee around Anchorage and to travel north to Chickaloon to check on the progress made by the rest of the team.

Our week in Bethel proved to be another great experience in Alaska. We were able to make a lot of new friends and try out some things, salmon fishing and the steam house, which most people are never able to experience. If you are interested in adventure in serving God, consider joining the Mt. Carmel team for a trip to Alaska in the future.



**ROOF WORK** - Rick Major (left) and Dixie Major (right) work on a roof during a mission trip to Alaska. (Photo by Jessica Mulcahy.)

## Festival

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ply titled "Meisner, Swan and Rich".

With word circling in the music business of his great keyboard playing, and songwriting abilities, Rich Jr. was part of album recordings ranging from Smokey Robinson to Freddy Fender, with his song "A Part of Your Life" reaching No.1 with Kris Kristofferson and Rita Coolidge.

Rich Jr. now takes part in a Country Gold Series that includes artists such as The Gatlin Brothers, Bobby Bare and T. Graham Brown.

He is also the president of Charlie Rich Enterprises Publishing, which includes the Rich family song catalog.

Charlie Rich died in June of 1995 at the age of 62.

Marty Haggard comes to Hickman as the son of a music legend who has placed 38 songs in the No.1 spot of the charts.

Songs such as "Okie From Muskogee", "That's the Way Love Goes" and "Working Man's Blues" are just some of the classics recorded by Merle Haggard.

Marty is a Bakersfield, California native who, in his teens, was in a television series, a Henry Fonda movie and a guitar player and harmony singer for his dad's band.

Today, he is a regular per-

former in Branson, Missouri, with he and his wife, Teresa, forming Marty Haggard Music to write and perform spiritual songs.

He has several albums to his credit, including Volume 1 & 2 of "Merle Haggard, a Tribute to My Dad" and "One Prayer Away".

Marty Haggard has appeared on many national television shows including Crook and Chase and the Today Show, and was the feature in a story in People Magazine.

Charlie Rich Jr. and Marty Haggard will appear at the Hickman Pecan Festival on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Jeff Green Memorial Park.

The Saturday show will also include musical acts Master's Reign, Barry Patrick, Lloyd Bradley and the Midnight Rangers, Rusted Country, Nothin' Fancy and the Pleasant Hill Church male chorus.

This year's final day of the Pecan Festival will also include a carnival, Cornhole Tournament, crafts and food vendors.

A complete daily listing of events will be placed in The Hickman Courier next week, with additional information listed on [www.hickmantourism.com](http://www.hickmantourism.com) and on Facebook at Hickman Recreation and Tourism.



**NEW PARSONAGE** - Missionary workers from Fulton and Hickman counties helped construct a new parsonage for Bethel Moravian Church. (Photo by Mindy Major)



**FOURTH OF JULY PARADE** - During a July 4th parade in Alaska Daisy Major handed out dog biscuits. (Photo by Mindy Major.)



**A GOOD CATCH** - Jessica Mulcahy is pictured with a salmon while on a mission trip in Bethel, Alaska. (Photo by Mindy Major.)



**ALASKA MISSIONARY TEAM** - Traveling together to Bethel, Alaska to help with two construction projects this summer were (front row, l to r) Daisy Major, Jason Faulkner, and Mindy Major; (middle row, l to r) Jessica Mulcahy and Dixie Major; and (back row, l to r) Rick Major, Tom Sheehan and Mike Sheehan. (Photo submitted.)

The Fulton County Board of Education will hold a public hearing in the central office meeting room on August 23, 2012, at 7:00 pm to hear public comments regarding a proposed general fund tax levy of 50 cents on real property and 50 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2012 was 47.6 cents on real property and 47.6 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$753,160.98. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 50 cents on real property and 50 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$981,881.00. Of this amount \$343,676.84 is new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2013 is 48.1 cents on real property and 48.1 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$944,569.52.

The general areas to which revenue of \$37,311.48 above 2012 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$1,305.91; instruction, 36,005.57.

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Obituaries

Margaret Adams

Margaret Adams, 93, a resident of the Rush Creek Community, Hickman, Ky., died August 8, 2012, at her home.

Born February 1, 1919, in Boyds Crossing, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Hollis V. and Maud Boyd Howard. She was a member of the Rush Creek United Methodist Church, Jacob Flournoy Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fulton Co. and Calloway Co. Genealogical Societies, and other local genealogical societies, Rush Creek Homemakers, Jackson Purchase Historical Society, Col. Gideon Macon Chapter Tennessee Daughters of American Colonists and was a Kentucky Colonel. She was a high school teacher, an aviation inspector for Republic Aviation in Evansville, Ind., Home Demonstration Agent for Fulton Co. University of Kentucky Extension Services, and retired as the office manager for the Kentucky Department of Social Services.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Ann Adams Freeman (Tom) of Hickman, Alice Adams Voegeli (Dan) of Fulton, Ky., and Ellen Adams Petty (BJ) of Union City, Tenn.; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Kevin Free-

man (Kasama) of Westmont, Ill., Kelly Gilbert (Jeff) of Kansas City, Mo., Kory Freeman (Amy) of Mooresville, NC, Emily Wilson (Erik) of Salem, Ill., Jill Crittendon (Eddie) of Fulton, Tori Connor (Clinton) of Utica, Ky., Adam Whitten (Brandy) of Hickman, and Lance Whitten of South Fulton, Tenn.; two step-grandchildren, Jo Beth Petty of Brandon, Miss., and Laura Petty of Union City; 17 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Max E. Howard of Panama City Beach, Fla., and Jeffrey M. Howard of Farmington, Ky.

Her husband, Charles Edward Adams, preceded her in death.

Services were held August 11, at Rush Creek United Methodist Church with Rev. Brent Porterfield and Rev. Hugh Barksdale officiating. Burial followed in Rush Creek Cemetery.

Hornbeak Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangement.

Memorials may be sent to Rush Creek Cemetery Association, c/o Ellen Petty, 715 Whirmantler St., Union City, TN 38261, Fulton Public Library, 312 Main St., Fulton, KY 42041 or library of choice; Reelfoot Rural Ministries, 6923 Minnick Elbridge Rd., Obion, TN 38240; Daughters of the American Revolution c/o Duncan tavern; or the charity of your choice.

Eldon R. “Butch” Easterwood, Jr.

Eldon R. “Butch” Easterwood, Jr., 55, died July 3, 2012, in Winterhaven, Fla.

Born October 9, 1956, in Rhine Beck, NY, he was the son of Margaret and Eldon Easterwood. He served four years in the Army Airborne Rangers.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, include his wife, Bar-

bara Easterwood; three children, Brittany, Breanna, and Dalton; and three grandchildren; two sisters, Joanne and Betty Corrinne.

His great-grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Poston, formerly of Sassafras Ridge and Hickman.

Fred L. Everett

Fred L. Everett, 46, a resident of Bartlett, Ill., died August 6, 2012.

Born July 23, 1966 in Memphis, Tenn., he was the son of James Everett and the late Mary (Lawson) Everett.

Survivors, in addition to his father, include one daughter, Courtney; one brother, Linda (Steve) Lloyd; four aunts and uncles, Swan (Donald) Bowers of Hickman, Ky.; Annette Mathis of Hopkinsville, Ky.,

Mary (Gene) Reed of Martin, Tenn., and Lavada (James) Mansfield of Bartlett, Ill.; and many loving cousins.

His grandparents, Jess W. Everett, and Leone Everett Luter; step-grandfather, Robert Luter; aunt, Sandra K. Everett; and uncles, Sidney K. Everett, Richard H. Everett, and Charley W. Everett; preceded him in death.

Services were held August 10, at Countryside Funeral Home & Crematory in Bartlett.

Hickman Police Department News

The Hickman Police Department reports these arrests, citations, investigations and fire calls for Hickman and Cayce Volunteer Fire Departments for Sunday, August 5 – Saturday, August 11:

Sunday, Aug. 5:

- Responded to a disturbance on Bayou St.
- Responded to a juvenile problem on Brooklyn St.
- Responded to a call on Ivey St – report taken for theft.

Monday, Aug. 6:

- Traffic stop on Moscow Ave.
- Responded to a call at Hickman Manor.
- Assisted Tri-City EMS at Hickman Manor.
- Assisted Tri-City EMS on Vance St.
- Responded to a disturbance on Liberty St.

Tuesday, Aug. 7:

- Traffic stop on State Route 125.
- Responded to a call at the park on Bernal Ave.
- Traffic stop on State Route 1099 Bypass – Raina Branam arrested on multiple charges.

Wednesday, Aug. 8:

- Assisted Tri-City EMS at Hickman Manor.
- Responded to a call on Bernal Ave.
- Responded to a disturbance on Brooklyn St – report taken for criminal mischief.

Thursday, Aug. 9:

- No activity

Friday, Aug. 10:

- Responded to a call on Nelson St.
- Traffic stop on Union City Hwy.
- Traffic stop on State Route 125.
- Traffic stop on Catlett St.
- Traffic stop on Hwy 94 – James Morris cited for speeding.

Saturday, Aug. 11:

- Traffic stop on 7th St
- Worked a two vehicle accident on Terrace Dr. and Walker Ave.
- Worked a two vehicle accident on 7th St.
- Bobby Barnett arrested on a warrant.
- Responded to a disturbance on Holly St.
- Traffic stop on 7th St.
- Welfare check on Terrace Dr.

Two local men are arrested in Walmart theft in Union City

Two Fulton County men have been arrested in the theft of computers from the Union City, Tennessee Wal-Mart store.

Union City Police Investigator Derrick O’Dell said 23 year old Chaz Dial, of Hickman, and 18 year old Lakarian Johnson, of Fulton, turned themselves in to authorities last week, after they were identified through surveillance video.

O’Dell said on July 31<sup>st</sup>, at two different times, security camera’s at the store captured Dial cutting cables on two display computers, then placing the computers into a backpack worn by Johnson.

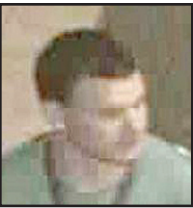
The men are then seen each time leaving the store without paying for the merchandise.

The two are also alleged to have taken an X-box hard drive cable, with the total value of the thefts listed at \$1,485.

O’Dell said both computers have been recovered.

Johnson, who is a senior football player at Fulton County High School, and Dial, have each been charged with felony Theft Over \$1,000.

They have been released from the Obion County Jail.



Dial



Johnson

Fulton County Sheriff’s News

The Fulton County Sheriff’s Department reports these arrests and citations for Monday, July 30 – Saturday, Aug. 11:

Monday, July 30:

- Bobby J. Hunter of Union City Tenn., white male, arrested, probation violation.
- Milkchael E. Cagle of Union City, white male, arrested, bench warrant failure to appear.
- Erica S. Mayes of Hickman, Ky., white female, arrested, menacing, disorderly conduct 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.

Tuesday, July 31:

- Billy J. Craig of Trenton, Tenn., white male, arrested, receiving stolen property (firearms).
- Sonja L. Harrison of Hickman, white female, summons, perjury 1<sup>st</sup> degree.
- Brian A. Smith of Hayti, Mo., black male, citation, speeding 76/55.

Friday, Aug. 3:

- Eric D. Higgs of Martin, Tenn., black male, citation, speeding 90/70 mph and failure of owner to maintain required insurance 1st.
- Wendy Dickson of South Fulton, Tenn., white female, citation, speeding 72/55 mph.
- Timothy Moseley of Union City, white male, citation, failure of owner to maintain required insurance 1st.
- Willis E Reese of Union City, white male, citation, speeding 72/55 mph.
- Union City, TN
- Timothy Haney of Hickman, white male, arrested, disregarding stop sign (3 counts), operating vehicle under influence alcohol/ drugs/etc. .08 (Agg Circum) 1st offense.
- Corey A. Gansert of Hickman, white male, citation, failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance, failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation, improper.
- Jennifer Chessor of Hickman, white female, arrested, no registration plates, no registration receipt, failure of owner to maintain insurance 1st offense, operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs/ etc. .08 1st offense.
- Raymond Herring of Cordova, Tenn., white male, citation, speeding 68/55 mph, failure of owner to maintain insurance 1st offense.

Saturday, Aug. 11:

- April L. Patterson of Hickman, white female, arrested, public intoxication, disorderly conduct 2nd degree.

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**\*Total Recall** .....*Rated PG-13*  
Fri-Sat 9:15; Sun 7:15  
**\*ParaNorman** .....*Rated PG*  
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Revenues	
Taxes (all categories) .....	\$ 137,289.50
Other Revenues (Tele Communication) .....	\$ 1,500.54
Interest Earned .....	\$ 566.41
<b>Total Revenues.....</b>	<b>\$ 139,356.45</b>
Receipts and Cash	
Carryover Prior Fiscal Year .....	\$ 239,017.51
Certificate of Deposit .....	\$ 133,816.67
<b>Total Available .....</b>	<b>\$ 512,190.63</b>
(sum of Total Receipts, Cash & Total Revenues)	
Expenditures	
Administration .....	\$ 200,785.62
<b>Total Appropriations .....</b>	<b>\$ 200,785.62</b>
<b>Supporting documentation for this Statement is located at:</b> <b>Fulton County Health Center</b> <b>402 Troy Avenue</b> <b>Hickman, KY 42050</b>	

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**NOTICE**

The City of Hickman is taking sealed bids on 22.63 (more or less) acres of land located off ByPass 1099. This property was last used as a wastewater lagoon. A copy of the deed describing the property can be seen at City Hall, Mon. – Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sealed bids will be taken until 12 p.m., on Aug. 22, 2012. Sealed bids will be opened on August 23, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. All sealed bids shall be turned in to the City Manager’s office at City Hall. The City of Hickman is seeking the highest and best bid. The City of Hickman reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is considering direct loan applications for Taylor Ray Moss, 2691 State Route 94 W, Hickman, KY 42050. This proposal is for construction of 2 wean to finish hog barns. This operation is not considered to have a significant environmental impact.

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Bluff Briefs

6<sup>th</sup> Annual River Rat Race 5K Run and Fun Walk

Hickman Pecan Festival’s 6<sup>th</sup> Annual River Rat Race 5K Run and Fun Walk will be held Saturday, Sept. 8, at 8 a.m., starting at Fulton County High School. Cost is \$15. *The first 30 participants will receive a River Rat Race T-shirt.* Please mail Registration Forms and payment to: Hickman Rotary Club, River Rat Race, P.O. Box 64, Hickman, KY 42050; or drop off at: Paul Henderson, Porter Insurance Agency, 1510 Union City Hwy., Hickman, KY 42050. Make checks payable to Hickman Rotary Club, sponsor for this year’s event. Race day registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. If you have any questions please call Penny Fleming at 731-335-3100.

3-Man Golf Tournament

The Hickman Rotary Club will sponsor their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual 3 Man Golf Tournament to benefit their Scholarship Program. The Tournament will be held Friday, Sept. 14, at 11:30 a .m., at the Hickman Country Club. Entry fee is \$150 per team for 18 holes (no flighting). Sign in and registration starts at 11:30 a.m. Lunch served 11:30 – 12:15. Buy muligans and putts during lunch - \$2 each\*. Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. 22 teams max – Get your entry form in early. Prizes awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, longest drive – 2 chances (\$30), and closest to the pin – 2 chances (\$30). Door prizes will be drawn at close of tournament. Beverages will be available on course for cash. \*Maximum 6 muligans and 6 putts per team (putts must be within 5 feet of hole to be used). Cash prizes will be determined by number of teams entering – 1<sup>st</sup> place guaranteed at least \$150. Turn entry form including team members names and phone numbers and \$150 entry fee at Hickman Country Club or mail to Hickman Rotary Club, Golf Tournament, P.O. Box 64, Hickman, KY 42050. Make checks payable to Hickman Rotary Club. Please have entry forms turned in by Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Commodities to be distributed

The Ken-Tenn Foodbank, located at 115 Washington St., Fulton, Ky., one block south of the Post Office, will be distributing commodities to Fulton County Seniors living in poverty Friday, Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. to 11a.m. Distribution to Fulton County households living in poverty {TEFAP} will be made Friday, Aug. 24 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Poverty is defined as having income of less than \$1,211 per month or \$280 per week.

Final Flight Outfitters to have Calling Contest

Final Flight Outfitters will have Calling Contests on Saturday, Aug. 18 and Sunday, Aug. 19. Saturday’s events will begin at 9 a.m. with the Jr./Intermediate duck calling; 10 a.m. - KY State Duck – Kentucky residents only (World Championship Qualifier); 11 a.m. – Bayou de Chien Regional (World Championship Qualifier); and 1 p.m. – US Open Duck (World Championship Qualifier). Sunday’s events will begin at 10 a.m. with the Tennessee State Duck – Tennessee resident only (World Championship Qualifier); and 11 a.m. – Grand American (World Championship Qualifier). Hotel information is as follows: www.hamptoninn.com - (731) 587-5800; www.super8.com - (731) 885-4444; www.daysinn.com - (731) 587-9577; www.uchospitalityhouse.com - (731) 885-6610; and www.economartin.com - (731) 587-4241.

Life Story: How Your History Can Help You

Life story is an account of the series and events that make up your life. Life story is important because it helps explain who you are, where you’ve been, how you got there, where you are now, and even what you will be doing in the future. This lesson teaches participants about the importance of life story and how documenting it is valuable for promoting an active brain, quality relationships, mental healthiness, and legacy building. This lesson will be taught August 21st at the Fulton County Extension Office at 10:00 a.m. Fulton and Hickman County Homemakers and all Community Members are welcome. Please call 236-2351 to reserve your seat and lesson handouts.

Fulton County Homemakers Annual Day to be August 30

Fulton County Extension Homemaker Annual Day will be held at Cayce United Methodist Church on August 30 at 10:00 a.m. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. and the event will begin at 10:00. The registration fee is \$7.00 per person payable at the door to Fulton County Extension Homemakers. The décor and theme is “Summer on the Lake” and participants are encouraged to dress in nautical wear. Attendees will enjoy Vonnie Shelton, Retired McCracken County Local and Family History Librarian as she speaks on Recording Your Life Story. Beautiful Cultural Arts will be on display as well. Reserve your seat by calling 270-236-2351 by August 23.

Miss and Mr. Banana Festival Pageants to be held

The Miss and Mr. Banana Festival pageants will be held Sept. 23, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Fulton High School, Stephen Beale Drive in Fulton. Applications may be obtained online at www.thebananafestival.com, or may be picked up at The Fulton Leader Office, 304 East State Line, Fulton, the Fulton Tourism Commission Office at 313 Carr St. or Whitledge and Associates, 309 Carr St., Fulton. The event is open to boys, ages 0-12 months; 13-23 months; 2-3 year olds and 4-6 years old. Girls divisions include ages 0-12 months; 13-23 months; 2-3 year olds; 4-6 year olds; 7-9 year olds; 10-12 year olds; ages 13-15 and ages 16-19. Entry fee is \$25 with an additional fee of \$10 for Best Dressed category. No entries will be accepted at the door. Admission for the pageant is \$2 per person. Checks may be made payable to the Fulton Tourism Commission.

Free Volleyball Clinic at Mid Continent

Mid Continent University’s Women’s Volleyball team will hold a free clinic at Mayfield First Baptist Church on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 9 a.m. until noon with elemetary aged children from 9 to 10 a.m.; middle school aged children from 10 to 11 a.m.; and high school students from 11 until noon. Mid Contient University’s Volleyball team consists of four seniors, one of whom was named for the TransSouth 1st Team and another that ranked 15th in the nation blacks. This clinic will show youth of all ages the basics of volleyball.

Emergency Conservation Program for severe drought as county continues to suffer

A lack of moisture, over an extended period of time, has caused producers in Hickman/ Fulton Counties to suffer from the effect of severe drought conditions. Farms experiencing severe drought conditions may be eligible for cost-share assistance under Emergency Conservation Program for Drought (ECPD). This disaster program is administered by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA), and provides cost-share assistance to eligible livestock producers and eligible orchard/ vineyard producers if damage is so severe that water available for livestock or orchards and vineyards has been reduced below normal to the extent that neither can survive without additional water.

A producer qualifying for ECPD assistance may receive cost share not to exceed 75 percent of the cost of installing eligible temporary measures. Cost sharing for eligible permanent measures is paid at 50 percent of eligible costs to provide water in emergency situations. Up to 90 percent cost share assistance may be provided to producers who qualify under limited resource provisions if approved by the County FSA Committee. Cost-

share assistance is limited to \$200,000 per person per natural disaster. Approved practices and measures may include:

- Installing pipelines or other facilities for livestock water or existing irrigation systems for orchards and vineyards
- Constructing a deepening wells for livestock water
- Developing springs or seeps for livestock water

Producers, who have experienced severe drought conditions that will require

Congressman Whitfield tours Stella Jones and local farm crop

On Tuesday, Aug. 7 Kentucky United States Representative Ed Whitfield visited with officials from the Fulton County- Hickman County Economic Development Partnership (EDP) and company employees of Stella Jones. The Congressman took a walking tour of the facility at Stella Jones and was brought up to date on the issues facing the company. The company gave a small presentation to the Congressman about the growth of the company and its five year history in Fulton County.

After the tour the

outside assistance to provide supplemental emergency water, may contact the local Clinton Service Center. Requests for assistance will be accepted at Clinton Service Center from 08/06/12 to 09/05/12.

To be eligible for cost share, practices shall not be started until a request has first been filed at the Clinton Service Center and an onsite inspection of the problem area has been made by the FSA County Committee (COC) or its representative. COC’s will

Congressman sat down with Eddie Crittendon Fulton County-Hickman Counties EDP Executive Director and Fulton County Judge/Executive David Gallagher and Hickman County Judge/Executive Greg Pruitt to discuss the facility and other concerns within the two counties.

Following the meeting the Congressman took time to tour a cornfield with local farmer Sam Hancock to get a first hand look at the recent drought and its effects on the crops in Fulton and Hickman counties.

review the inspection findings when considering approval of the request for cost shares.

Producers who have taken emergency action before this announcement may be eligible for assistance if a request for such assistance is filed within 15 calendar days of 08/06/12 and

and concerns were made known to Gallagher that the City of Hickman was happy with maintaining their own dispatch. Hickman Mayor David Lattus, City Manager Larry Myatt and Commissioners Roger Adams and Barbara Yandal were in attendance Friday to ask questions and learn about the county’s progress.

Another factor, which could determine if it is beneficial for the City of Hickman to contract with the county for the service is the cost to upgrade equipment, if it needs to be updated.

Sheriff Bobby Hopper and Fulton Chief of Police Terry Powell mentioned “next generation” equipment, which would enable callers to text 911 after they are in an accident. The equipment the county is planning on installing would have this capability, but at this time, service providers are not as reliable.

A CAD console has been ordered for the county with a base price of \$47,000 on up to \$66,000 for the console. Currently on order, it will be ready around October 1. The county would receive some funds from the regional 911 board to help offset their costs for the console.

The City of Hickman, has a

console on order after theirs was

hit by lightning, and will have it sooner. “In order to make necessary upgrades needed in the near future the city would need to pay between \$50,000 and \$90,000, stated Commissioner Adams.

Tower placement was also discussed. There are two towers currently in the county with plans already underway for Verizon to have one operational sometime soon in Hickman, possibly by the end of the year. The other one would be located in Fulton by Sprint.

Sheriff Hopper has already requested two licenses at a cost of \$1,200 for the first year and \$312 a year, each year thereafter.

Gallagher reminded everyone that dispatch will be run by the sheriff’s department and funding costs will be filtered through the fiscal court.

“We want what will be the best services possible while meeting everyone’s needs at the same time,” he said.

Determining exactly how many dispatchers to employ will depend on if the City of Hickman decides to contract with the county or not. “We have been running the numbers,” stated Gallagher. “Personnel is the biggest cost associated

with dispatch. If we employee three full-time dispatchers the cost will be around \$150,000. If we go up to four, we will need \$180,000.” Either way, some part-time dispatchers will also be needed.

“We know how important dispatch services are,” added Gallagher. We want it run professionally and the right way. The equipment is getting more sophisticated. We do have the people who can do it.

At the same time we are not worrying about hurting anyone’s feelings,” he continued. “We want to protect the citizens. When someone calls in on 911 our job is to make sure they are getting the services they need in a professional manner. We also have to make sure we have the monies we need to operate it.”

Establishing a county dispatch does not include adding a board. “Anytime Chief Powell or Chief Grogan have a concern, they can speak to Sheriff Hopper,” stated Gallagher. “At the same time if commissioners from either city or any residence have questions about it, they should contact their magistrates.”

“Thank you for your leadership,” commented Chief Powell. “The dispatch room is good. I want to brag on Gallagher, the sheriff, and

it is determined that the action taken is eligible and sufficient to resolve the resource concern.

All producers, regardless of race, sex, religion, color, age, national origin, marital status, politics, or handicap shall have an opportunity to request cost sharing.

Fulton County Jailer Ricky Parnell for their work so far. I really think it will work out and I feel it will take a ton of bricks off my shoulders and help us (Fulton Police Department) out tremendously.”

Hickman Police Chief Tony Grogan did have much to say either way about where his dispatch services would come from. “I want it to be as close as possible to help with local needs,” he said. He did have some concern if the state police were utilized to perform the services.

Many questions were asked by Mayor Lattus, City Manager Myatt, and Commissioner Adams as their commission will need to contemplate their next step with regard to keeping their own dispatch or going with the county. “We have talked to many residents in the city,” stated Mayor Lattus. “They don’t want to lose their identity or the service the city is providing.

“We have been studying this from our side of it,” he continued. “We are trying to figure out what is best for our people. They are concerned with losing control. The city’s expense in all this is still kind of hazy. We don’t want to decide to do it and then six or eight months down the road we realize we did it for nothing when we are still forced to go with the state police. We also realize that we are all in this together as county residents. We haven’t decided anything yet, but realize we need to real soon.”

“The county is proceeding with county dispatch as if the City of Hickman is not going in with it,” he said. “I see this as a long-term solution for Fulton County.”



**CELEBRATING THEIR LAST FIRST DAY** - Fulton County Seniors celebrate their last “first day of school” at Fulton County High School in style at Sanger Field following the annual Senior Breakfast and Parade on Thursday, Aug. 9. (Photo by Barbara Atwill.)



**SENIORS LAST FIRST DAY** - Seniors Sara Bennett, Kristen Swain, and Marianna Harris take time for a picture following the Senior Breakfast and before the Senior Parade that kicked off Fulton County High School Senior activities for their last “first day of school”. (Photo by Barbara Atwill.)



**RUNNING THROUGH THE HALLS** - Seniors Denisha Pierce, Mike McClerkin, and Quayvon Sanders run through the halls at Fulton County High School on their last “first day of school”. (Photo by Barbara Atwill.)

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# S.A.C.K.

## Youth Football League And Cheerleading Signups!

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# PILOTS 2012

## High School and Middle School Football

### PREVIEW



## Pilots open season against the Greyhounds, Kinney looks to shut down their running game

**Charlotte Smith**  
**Editor**

Friday night the lights will be turned on at Sanger Field as the home team, the boys in blue, will host the Reidland Greyhounds. The Fulton County Pilots, who only scrimmaged against each other on Friday, Aug. 10, will play their first game of the season at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 17.

Practicing in the mornings to avoid the oppressive heat of the afternoons provided Head Coach Deatrik Kinney's players with more playing time. "Things have been going really well in practice," he said. "I am glad we scheduled morning practices and that has helped us stay more consistent with our practice time this summer."

"We are ready to start the season wide open against the Greyhounds," he added. "We want to stop them from running the ball. I am looking to my players to shut down the running game." The Greyhound passing game is not a concern of Coach Kinney. "We plan to stop them from running the ball and I am motivating my players to come out and pound the ball on them," Coach Kinney said. "We need to run it down their throats and score. That is all we can do."

Coach Kinney is looking to experienced ball carrier Damontrell Pierce to light up the night with his speed. Coach Kinney is also looking to Lakarian Johnson and newcomer, freshman Aaron Allen to carry the ball for the Pilots at times out of the backfield, as they look to keep the Greyhounds guessing.

Filling the wide receiver positions vacated by Dylan Johnson and O'Brien Mitchell will be Octavious Smith and JaMaal Crumble. "They have both stepped up during practice and have been asked to fill these key skilled positions," stated Coach Kinney.

Crumble, a senior, could also see some time in the quarterback position. "Damian Roach, now a sophomore, will be our starting quarterback this year. He did play in that position some last season," he noted. "Crumble and Allen have been taking snaps as the quarterback during practice."

Coach Kinney is pleased to have 15 players returning from last year's squad. "I have been busy evaluating them along with the new players," he said. "Right now I have about six

new players and hope to have a few more."

They will need all the players they can muster out of this small district when they face powerhouse Mayfield in October. "Be-

ing a smaller team we just have to be mentally and physically ready to play them," commented Coach Kinney. "Mayfield is always going to be a powerhouse and they are going to draw out

45-50 kids every single year. We just have to do what we need to do in order for our team to put the best players out there and be ready to face Mayfield when the time comes."

Assisting Coach Kinney this year are Assistant Coaches Mike Thomas, Joe Cheirs, and Jarred Warner.

Fulton County will also square off against Lake County

on August 24 in their first away game of the season at 7:30 p.m. The Pilots have a total number of nine games on their schedule this year with open dates of September 21 and October 5.



**FULTON COUNTY PILOTS 2012 FOOTBALL SQUAD** - Members of the Fulton County Pilots 2012 football team include the following: (front row, l to r) DeAndre Couch, Aaron Allen, Levi Lacewell, Brendan Wilson, Austin Henderson, Matthew Bodon, Beau Simmons, Austin Newton, Tommy Nolan, and Evann Dismuke; (back row, l to r) Damian Roach, Lakarian Johnson, Damontrell Pierce, Terrell Wilson, LaDarrian Polk, JaMaal Crumble, Ricky Bagley, Octavious Smith, Quayvon Sanders, Javus Yandal and Head Coach Deatrik Kinney. Not pictured: Mike McClarkin and Keyonno Flowers. (Photo by Leonard Smith, Sr.)

## Junior Pilots welcome Coach Bridges, play well in scrimmage

**Charlotte Smith**  
**Editor**

James Bridges is excited about being back out on the football field. Bridges has been selected to coach at the middle school level, taking on the head coach position for the Fulton County Middle School Pilots. Bridges, who has been away from the game for a few years and has previously coached at the high school level, will be joined by experienced coaches Bruce Elam and Joe Cheirs and Marty Dinwiddie.

"We have a good group of kids. We have about 30 kids so far," he said. "I am very ex-

cited about being back and am looking forward to helping the players at the middle school level and hopefully we can get some wins under our belt to prepare them for the future as high school players."

Jake Russell, a new comer to the Jr. Pilots, but with some experience in the Fulton Little League level has caught the eye of Bridges and will fill the role of quarterback. Russell will be asked to make an impact on both sides of the ball, filling the role of Aaron Allen, last year's impact player, who has moved up to the high school level as a freshman. "He will be a pretty

powerful player," remarked Bridges. "With his past experience on the Little League squad in Fulton, he should take care of the role as quarterback and an all-around play maker."

Joining Russell, catching the attention of the coaching staff is a new comer to the squad Joyrian Bradley. "He should do well on the offensive side of the ball, as well," added Bridges.

Defensively Bridges is looking at Joyrian Bradley, a transfer student, and Mason Eakes, a sixth grader to step up and do well for the squad in the linebacker position. "Nataven Bransford will also help us out

defensively," he added. "Along with Ty Warren."

With the size of the squad this year Bridges is looking forward to adding a few sixth graders to the line up who will get a lot of playing time. "We will be subbing them in and I see them doing just as well as all the other players," he noted.

"We will have a few players who will play on both sides of the ball, but our offensive line will be consistent with five full-time players," continued Bridges. "We will add two to our de-game line."

Having almost 30 players on the squad gives the coaching

staff enough players to sub in and out. "This should help out with the health factor of getting them plenty of rest during the game," he said. He also looks for that to transmit into points on the scoreboard.


"I am looking forward to this season," concluded Bridges. "We have a good group of boys."

The Jr. Pilots scrimmaged the Hillcrest Cougars on Saturday, Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. allowing Bridges and his staff time to evaluate his players in a real game scenario.

"The game went real well," stated Bridges after Saturday's scrimmage. "We scored first and held them on their first series to 4th and four and second series on 4th and six."

Russell scored for the Jr. Pilots against the Hillcrest defense and Bridges was very pleased and commented that all the players did well.

The Jr. Pilots start the regular season on Thursday, Aug. 16 at Reidland at 5:30 p.m.




**Brendan Wilson**

We pray that this season will be very successful

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**FULTON COUNTY JR. PILOTS 2012 FOOTBALL SQUAD** - Members of the Fulton County Jr. Pilots 2012 football team include the following: (front row, l to r) Skyler Johnson, Kahari Miller, AJ Turner, Daniel Tacker, Jordayn Smith, Rictareon Polk, Bobby Crisp; (second row, l to r) Brandon Willis, Jykerion Isbell, Jake Mayo, Mason Eakes, George Scott, Joseph Fletcher, Ty Warren, Natavon Giles, and Houston Massey; (third row, l to r) Ian Halstead, CJ Smith, Cameron Matheny, Nataven Bransford, Joyrien Bradley, Jake Russell, Taylor Sipes, Tanner Ford, Lance Purefide; and (back row, l to r) Head Coach James Bridges, Assistant Coach Marty Dinwiddie, and Assistant Coach Bruce Elam. (Photo by Leonard Smith, Sr.)




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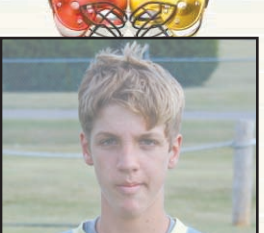
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# The 8<sup>th</sup> of August, “A Memoir”

By Tammy Westbrook

Every year as far back as I can remember in the small farming town of Hickman, Kentucky perched high atop the New Madrid bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River valley, August 8th marked a very special event in my life and the community where I came of age.

The good news of emancipation reached the slaves of the delta region at the Kentucky-Tennessee stateline around that date in the 1860’s. From that day to this, those first African American celebrants and subsequent generations have been unapologetic in our fervor and tenacity to commemorate “The 8<sup>th</sup> of August”, especially given the sometimes hostile racial climate through which the event has endured. No matter what was going on, on The 8<sup>th</sup> of August, WE DID IT BIG!!!

The day’s importance and festiveness was outpaced only by Christmas. In the black community of Hickman, the days leading up to “The 8th of August” --as we call it to this day-- were filled with activity, excitement and anticipation like no other time of the year. Throughout our town, sewing machines *Whirred* out new outfits to sport for the promenade and big dance. Homes were cleaned top to bottom in preparation for the arrival of family and friends from far-flung places with exotic-sounding names like Ypsilanti, Kokomo and Kankakee. They converged on our little town to commemorate the sweet heritage shared only by those of us who’d come of age where Kentucky met the Mississippi.

White employers were hard-pressed to deny African American workers the day off as they were long familiar with how we felt about our special day and knew protests were futile. Though some enterprising white merchants temporarily suspended any racially-separatist ideologies to set up stands selling trinkets to the masses, the heart of the event was the self-determination of our people to wrestle-back joy and affirmation from generations of injustice amid the corn and cotton fields of the Delta. This knowledge fed our jubilation and gratitude.

So celebrate we did! The energy, comradery and joy at seeing loved ones, coupled with the events planned for “The 8<sup>th</sup> of August” made for unbridled happiness. Papa made his tangy, barbecue sauce to go on mutton and pork that he smoked in pits dug into the ground covered with sheets of tin. Late into the night he and my uncles talked and swapped stories under the locust trees as they tended the pit. In the house, Mother and my sisters bustled about tending kids and pots as they prepared fresh greens, corn and other garden bounty to feed the sure-to-come crowd of extended family and beloved old friends

who often only saw one another at this special time.

The centerpiece was always the day of the carnival-like promenade along the half-mile length of Seventh Street (Highway 94-Bypass) between Jessie Smith’s Café and The (VFW) Post run by Mrs. Gladys Morris and her family. Freshly-washed cars lined the main road into town where God’s dark-skinned children, spit-shined and plumed, came out in droves. Those who returned having made good in northern cities showed off their flashy cars and clothes inspiring admiration and confirming the better hope of our ancestors. At nightfall, honky-tonks were standing room only as wall-to-wall, we enjoyed our culture, music and one another.

Sunday mornings, the celebration culminated

in houses of worship like Johnson’s Chapel, Pleasant Hill and Thomas Chapel where pews were filled to capacity by successive generations of family congregants who came together in praise for God’s abiding and *Amazing Grace* and to offer up prayers for His care and keeping ‘*Til We Meet* again the next year.

A miraculous, celebratory spirit and hope filled the few days surrounding “The 8th of August” that defied the time and place. Most importantly, the celebration happened and still, to this day, continues to happen. A sweet heritage carried on by the current descendants of my dark-skinned forefathers and mothers down in the Delta where the point of Kentucky meets the Mississippi River.



**TALENTED** - Malik Roberson and Reid Chandler perform and earn first place during the Talent Show on Friday night, Aug. 10.



**Brenda Dean**

**SISTERLY BEAUTY** - De'Ayria Kinney (left) and De'Triona (right) are as cute as can be during the Fashion Show on Friday night.



**YARD OF THE WEEK** - The yard of Judy and Tom Stayton on Myron Cory Drive has been chosen as the yard of the week by the Hickman Chamber of Commerce. (Photo by Barbara atwill.)

## Court

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implementing the countywide dispatch services. Right now they are working as if the City of Hickman is not going to contract with them.

Back in January the FCDC lost approximately 56 inmates when the state enacted their early release program to save money. Now just seven months later he is housing 381 inmates (only 25 are county inmates) and is filled to capacity. “I am asking for permission to construct a 40x80 SAP classroom/church at the cost of approximately \$130,000 (\$40 a square foot),” Jailer Parnell said. “I have to have this room regulated for the SAP program. We don’t want to lose these inmates. We have the funds to do it and we can have it completed in approximately five weeks.” Without much discussion the

Fiscal Court voted unanimously to let Jailer Parnell construct the building.

Another building project was approved by members of the Fiscal Court during Monday’s meeting. A work crew from the FCDC will do the work, saving the county half of the construction costs. A bid was received in the amount of \$16,900 from Better Built Garages, Melber, Ky. The 80x24 building will be enclosed on three sides and will be utilized to put vehicles in it for Fulton County Emergency Management. Plans are to have it complete by the end of the year.

After months of seeking a price for a F150 pick up truck for the road department, the Fiscal Court approved a bid for a F250 in the amount of \$28,000 from Crossroads Ford Lincoln in Frankfort. “This one is cheaper than the others,” stated Fulton County Road Supervisor Dennis Warner. “It is a work truck and we can even put a snow plow on it.”

Fulton County Sheriff Hopper was granted approval to enter into a contract with Data Design, Inc. to handle their taxes. “We have had issues with the previous provider and most sheriff departments have now switched to Data Design,” said Sheriff Hopper. After learning that the software would be compatible with the county clerk and county attorney, the Fiscal Court approved the switch.

During business the Fiscal Court discussed in depth Fulton County Ordinance 2012-05 after its first reading. The ordinance includes vicious and destructive dogs. They were unclear on whether or not the ordinance would only be enforced in the county and not the cities of Fulton and Hickman or if it would be countywide. They agreed to review it further and the first reading was approved with possible changes.

In other business the following items were approved:

- Fulton County Resolution 2012-10 concerning county dispatch
- County of Fulton tax rate for FY 2012/13, electing to take the compensating rate, which resulted in the real property rate going up to 13.3 from 13.2, the water craft and motor vehicle rates remained unchanged at 13.2

- Fulton County Transit Authority Board appointment Nancy Grasfeder – replacing Jeannie Byrd
- Fulton County Detention Center employees, transfers and bills

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11 a.m. The next meeting of the Fiscal Court is slated for Monday, Sept. 10 at 9 a.m. in the boardroom of the Fulton County Office Building located on Myron Cory Drive in Hickman.



**6th Annual River Rat Race**  
**5K Run and Fun Walk**  
**Saturday, Sept. 8,**  
**at 8 a.m.,**  
**Fulton County High School**  
**Cost is \$15**

The first 30 participants will receive a River Rat Race T-shirt. Please mail Registration Forms and payment to: Hickman Rotary Club, River Rat Race, P.O. Box 64, Hickman, KY 42050; or drop off at: Paul Henderson, Porter Insurance Agency, 1510 Union City Hwy., Hickman, KY 42050. Make checks payable to Hickman Rotary Club, sponsor for this year's event. Race day registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. If you have any questions please call Penny Fleming at 731-335-3100.



**RAISING THE FLAG** - The American Legion raised the flag of the late Al Merryman who served in the U.S. Army from 1950-1955, last Thursday, Aug. 12 at Hickman City Cemetery. American Legion members raising the flag include Allen Craddock (on left) and Doc Roberts and David Lattus (on right). (Photo submitted.)

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**Arthritis in Women:**  
**A look at the causes of and treatments for arthritis**



**Guest Speaker:**  
**Marty Fulbright, M.D.**  
**Orthopedic Surgeon**

**Thursday, August 30 • 5:30 p.m.**  
Parkway Regional Hospital Cafeteria  
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